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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joseph N. Russo, DOB: 1/28/1963, of Hurley, Wisconsin, was convicted of being a felon in possession of firearms yesterday following a one-day jury trial in federal court in Madison. U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for April 10, 2006. Russo faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The jury deliberated approximately 90 minutes before reaching a verdict, finding Russo responsible for possessing three guns found in his home on May 30, 2004. On that date, during a separate investigation of Russo, he consented to a search of his home and the guns were found by Hurley police officers.

The charge against Joseph N. Russo was the result of an investigation conducted by the Hurley Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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